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The Honorable P. Kevin Castel
United States District Judge
United States Courthouse
500 Pearl Street
New York, New York 10007

Re: *New York Times Co. v. U.S. Dep't of Justice*,
No. 17 Civ. 1946 (PKC)

Dear Judge Castel:

We write respectfully on behalf of the parties in the above-referenced matter in order to provide a joint status report, pursuant to the Court's Order dated March 29, 2018 (Dkt. No. 26). Since the parties' last status report (Dkt. No. 25), the Government processed and provided a FOIA response regarding 126 items that Plaintiffs selected from the index of responsive documents remaining to be processed, which pertained to a memorandum opinion dated January 20, 2017, regarding the "Application of the Anti-Nepotism Statute to a Presidential Appointment in the White House Office."

After this response, the parties conferred and have reached additional agreements. Pursuant to these agreements, the parties jointly and respectfully request the Court's endorsement of the following:

- (1) By July 23, 2018, the Government will process and provide a FOIA response regarding 612 items identified by Plaintiffs from the index, which relate to energy and the environment.
- (2) Following the Government's provision of this response, the parties will promptly confer and will submit a further status report to the Court no later than August 3, 2018.

Furthermore, the parties note that a court conference is scheduled in this matter for **June 1, 2018, at 11 a.m.** (Dkt. No. 26). Given the parties' agreements and the continuing progress of the case, as reflected herein, the parties jointly and respectfully request that the June 1, 2018 conference be adjourned to a date subsequent to August 3,

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2018. However, the parties will be happy to appear on June 1, 2018, if the Court wishes the conference to proceed on that date.

We thank the Court for its consideration of this matter.

Respectfully,
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